



Present: Tom Tanous, Chair; Don Pickard, Peter Hersee, Selectmen
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Mr. Tanous opened the meeting at 7:31 PM.

He began the meeting by thanking employees of the Fire, Police and Highway departments, the tree warden, and the Building and Electrical Inspectors for their cleanup work in the Cherry Street area as a result of the micro burst and heavy rains that passed through Wenham Friday night leaving many downed wires and trees. Mr. Tanous also thanked the neighbors who helped with the clean up.

Mr. Chelgren thanked Mass. Electric and Mass. Highway for their quick response.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling Collection Program Expansion

Mr. Pickard identified that a recent press release identifies a newly expanded recycling program that went into affect July 1, 2005 that now includes plastics no.1-7, cardboards, magazines and junk mail. He noted that this information is available on the town web site.

Mr. Hersee said that Representative Brad Hill has asked that we announce that August 13 & 14 has been designated as a sales tax free shopping day in Massachusetts (for items purchased under \$2,500) and all are encouraged to take advantage of this savings opportunity during this weekend.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Department – Appointments

Eric Clarizia – FT Patrolman

Mark Fraser – Detective

Mr. Chelgren identified that the BOS took recent action to appoint a full time Patrolman and a Detective. He noted that these promotions were made from within the department.

Acting Chief Walsh was present. He identified that on June 22, 2005 after receiving authorization from the BOS he posted a job opening for a full time Patrolman. He went on to say that after conducting interviews, the Board recommended Officer Eric Clarizia as a full time Patrolman to the Wenham Police Department, effective July 31, 2005.

Officer Eric Clarizia was present for the ceremonial pinning.

Acting Chief Walsh then said that on July 22, 2005 after receiving authorization from the BOS he also posted a Detective Position. After conducting interviews the Board recommended that Mark Fraser be appointed Detective on the WPD effective July 31, 2005.

Detective Fraser was present for the ceremonial pinning.

Pleasant Pond Parking – Continued Discussion

Insurance Review

Resident Parking – Sticker Program Details

Mr. Chelgren identified that as previously directed by the BOS he contacted both the town's insurance carrier, MIIA and Town Counsel regarding the proposed parking sticker program at Pleasant Pond Beach. He reported that MIA and town counsel both responded that the parking program does not create, in their minds, any new issues of concern at this time. Mr. Chelgren said

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that the Town is still waiting for signage suggestions from MIIA. He noted that after MIIA responds with signage recommendations, the current signs will be updated.

It was the consensus of the BOS that the implementation of a sticker program for H/W residents to go forward and that the fee be waived for this season.

Mr. Chelgren said that residents can pick up their sticker on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at the Recreation Building between 4pm and 7pm and that proof of residence such as vehicle registration, utility bill or rent receipt will be required.

Mr. Hersee moved to waive the fee for parking stickers for the 2005 season. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee went on to say that dogs are prohibited from the beach May – October and that a maintenance fee will be charged for dogs that are picked up. Acting Police Chief Walsh added that the Dog Officer is in full cooperation of the program and is currently enforcing the prohibition.

Mr. Chelgren identified that the parking moratorium is due to end as of August 10th and will leave an enforcement gap until the stickers can be issued, if not addressed. Action to extend the moratorium was recommended.

Mr. Hersee moved to continue the closure of the parking through Tuesday August 16, 2005.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Special Town Meeting – October 4, 2005

Close Warrant

Review timeline and potential Articles

Mr. Tanous announced that the Special Town Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2005 with an override vote on Oct 6, 2005 if needed.

Mr. Tanous went on to identify that a warrant article petition has been submitted by the Historic District Commission to the BOS with more than the required 100 signatures (approximately 250). This requires that the Selectmen now place an Article on the upcoming warrant which would seek the funding necessary to renovate the old town hall building and to construct a new, separate police station building. Therefore, he said that the Article would appear on the warrant.

Mr. Hersee moved to close warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 4, 2005.

Mr. Pickard seconded. Discussion followed regarding a list of potential Articles for the warrant.

It was noted that after the warrant has been closed, only the BOS can add Articles to the final warrant.

Mr. Tanous reviewed the warrant and motion process regarding articles at Town Meetings. He addressed Mr. Pickard's concern that voters understand the cost for both the renovation design alternative and the new construction plans, and responded that both motions will include the estimated cost for the project provided by each article proponent.

Mr. Pickard identified that he supports the \$4.7 million dollar project to build a single combined town hall/police station as previously voted.

Mr. Tanous said that the BOS will make recommendations on each of the Articles and that the Finance Committee will make recommendations on those articles that have a financial impact.

The motion to close the warrant was approved by unanimous vote.

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H/W Library – Insurance

Mr. Pickard identified that it has been determined that it will be less expensive for Wenham, as the administrator for the library operations to carry the property and liability insurance policy instead of Hamilton. He went on to discuss the question regarding the coverage and whether or not it includes the attached gym, administered by Hamilton. Mr. Chelgren responded that it does not and Hamilton will continue to carry the insurance for the gym.

Mr. Chelgren said that if Wenham carries the insurance policy for the Library operations with the current deductible of \$1,000 the annual premium is \$8,744.

He went on to identify that with a \$2,500 deductible the annual premium cost is \$7,347 and if the deductible is for \$5,000 then the annual premium is \$7,077.

He added that Hamilton had a \$5,000.00 deductible and that this proved to be a detriment in a recent insurance related incident at the library.

After a brief discussion, the BOS agreed that a \$1,000 deductible is most prudent for the towns.

Mr. Hersee cautioned that after a couple claims the premium might increase.

The BOS authorized the change of insurance carrier from Hamilton to Wenham and to keep the \$1000 deductible.

Boulder Lane - Charge for Committee

Mr. Chelgren provided a draft charge to the BOS for the Boulder Lane Committee as requested and identified that there are four potential candidates interested in serving on the Committee. He said that interviews could be held prior to the next BOS meeting allowing action by the Selectmen on August 23, 2005. He went on to say that, the Committee will make recommendations to the BOS on potential zoning changes, uses for land, and estimated costs.

Mr. Chelgren identified that the Boulder Lane land issue will be a key factor in the upcoming FY07 budget discussions set to begin Nov/Dec 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS

Mr. Chelgren announced that the BOS retreat will be held at the Library on August 18, 2005. He identified that the purpose of the annual Selectmen's retreat is to review larger town issues. He noted that the BOS have received a draft agenda and a list of "Issues of Significance" for the retreat. Mr. Pickard suggested an earlier start and that the retreat be scheduled from 8AM - 2PM.

Mr. Chelgren asked the BOS if they wanted key department heads to come in and give the Board updates regarding the status of their departments. It was the consensus of the BOS that DH be scheduled to meet briefly with the Selectmen during the early part of the day.

Mr. Tanous identified that the Town of Wenham TRIAD Council will have a table set up at Wenham Day, August 20th, in order to introduce TRIAD and the File of Life from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. He went on to say that the File of Life is a system for keeping all medical and emergency contact info in a magnetic plastic folder that attaches to the refrigerator, in case of an emergency. He noted that to participate in the program residents need to bring a list of all meds, Emergency Contacts, allergies and insurance info. COA Director Trudy Reid can be contacted for more information.

Mr. Hersee noted that the H/W Counsel on Aging Van Program is well used. Mr. Hersee encouraged residents over the age of 60 to use the service and to call 978 468-5534 for more information.

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Mr. Pickard announced that Wenham Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2005 in the Wenham Center.

MINUTES

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the minutes of May 31, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the minutes of June 30, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the ES minutes of May 31, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the ES minutes of June 30 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to approve the ES minutes of July 12, 2005 with edits as indicated.

Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pickard moved that the Wenham Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Hersee moved to leave the executive session. Mr. Pickard seconded and the motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Pickard moved to make the following contract wording modifications to the Fire Fighter's contract dated July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005:

Except as specifically changed in this contract, the terms of the July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004 agreement shall remain in effect.

Mr. Hersee seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

8:41 PM Mr. Hersee moved to come out of executive session and to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.